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SUMMARY

[1](#)1. THE CROATIAN SUPREME STATE COUNCIL MET ON  
MARCH 16 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO LAW AND  
ORDER, CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF SERBS IN  
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CROATIA. IN A SERIES OF DECLARATIONS, THE COUNCIL  
(UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT FRANJO TUDJMAN)  
CALLED FOR RESPECTING THE LAW ON NATIONALITIES,  
GRANTING AMNESTY TO THOSE COERCED INTO FIGHTING  
AGAINST CROATIA AND THE PROSECUTION OF THOSE  
GUILTY OF CRIMINAL ACTS. THE CROATIAN ASSEMBLY  
WILL MEET ON MARCH 26-28 TO DISCUSS MANY OF THESE  
ISSUES AS WELL AS OTHER CRITICAL LAWS,  
PARTICULARLY THE NEW ELECTION LAWS. THE EC AND  
CROATIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE MET TO  
DISCUSS NATIONALITY ISSUES, TOO UNDER THE BACKDROP  
OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF UN  
TROOPS TO EASTERN SLAVONIA. THE CROATIAN PRESS  
HAS REPORTED A RUMOR THAT VANCE AND CARRINGTON  
WILL VISIT THE SLOVENE CAPITAL THIS WEEK.

CROATIAN SUPREME STATE COUNCIL MEETS

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COVERAGE, THE CROATIAN SUPREME STATE COUNCIL  
PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT FRANJO TUDJMAN MET  
MARCH 16 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO CRIME, LAW  
AND ORDER AND TREATMENT OF MINORITIES. ACCORDING  
TO THE PRESS, THE COUNCIL EXAMINED THE EFFECT OF  
THE LAW ON NATIONAL MINORITIES AND ISSUED THE  
FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

-- THE LAW IS NOT FULLY RESPECTED AND THIS  
SERIOUSLY ENDANGERS THE STABILITY OF CROATIAN  
DEMOCRACY AND LEGAL ORDER;

-- ESPECIALLY UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS AND  
CONSEQUENCIES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE THE CASE WHEN  
THE SECURITY OF SERBS HAS BEEN THREATENED;

-- THE ORGANS OF THE CROATIAN REPUBLIC HAVE  
INSTITUTED CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST 4,576 CITIZENS  
FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF CROATIA WHO THEY  
ALLEGED HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF VIOLATING THE HUMAN AND  
NATIONAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS;

-- IT IS NECESSARY TO GRANT AMNESTY TO  
PARTICIPANTS OF AGGRESSION ON CROATIA WHO WERE  
FORCEFULLY MOBILIZED;

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-- COMPETENT ORGANS HAVE TO TAKE LEGAL MEASURES  
AGAINST LAW-BREAKERS AND THE MINISTRY OF THE  
INTERIOR HAS TO ISSUE DISCIPLINARY MEASURES  
AGAINST RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ACTED  
"PARTIALLY AND INEFFICIENTLY" IN RESOLVING CASES  
OF CRIMINAL ENDANGERING OF CITIZENS' LIVES AND  
PROPERTY. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROBLEM, THE  
DISARMAMENT OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IS

NECESSARY;

-- IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL OF THE  
CITIZENS OF CROATIA TO FOUND THE CITIZENS' PEACE  
COUNCILS TO BE LOCATED IN MIXED REGIONS OF THE  
REPUBLIC;

-- CITIZENS OF SERBIAN NATIONALITY HAVE TO BE  
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STIMULATED TO EXPRESS IN PUBLIC THEIR SPECIFIC AND  
GENERAL POLITICAL VIEWS AND OTHER INTERESTS.

CROATIAN ASSEMBLY TO MEET

13. IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS, THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN ASSEMBLY, ZARKO DOMLJAN,  
ANNOUNCED MARCH 16 THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL HOLD ITS  
NEXT SESSION MARCH 26-28. HE INFORMED THE PUBLIC  
THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING  
ISSUES: THE 1992 BUDGET, RETURN OF REFUGEES AND  
DISPLACED PERSONS TO THEIR HOMES, ELECTION LAWS,  
DISCUSSION OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPING  
FORCES IN CROATIA, AND AMENDMENTS TO THE  
PRIVATIZATION LAW.

EC AND CROATIAN GOVERNMENT DISCUSS INTER-ETHNIC  
RELATIONS

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14. A DELEGATION OF CROATIAN OFFICIALS CONSISTING  
OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT  
ZDRAVKO TOMAC, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE  
FOR FOREIGN POLICY, HRVOJE KACIC, MINISTER IN THE  
CROATIAN GOVERNMENT, ZIVKO JUZBASIC, AND VLADIMIR  
DEGAN, MET MARCH 16 WITH EC OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS  
HOW TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONALITIES IN  
A POST-WAR CROATIA. AMONG OTHER ISSUES THE  
PARTICIPANTS AGREED ON THE NEED TO REPEAL CERTAIN  
REGULATIONS WHICH WERE ENACTED DURING THE WAR,  
ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFIED. THE REGULATIONS ARE  
APPARENTLY RELATED TO THE RETURN OF SERBS WHO WERE  
FORCEFULLY MOBILIZED BY THE JNA. SOME OF THESE  
SERBS WERE INCLUDED IN THE PRISONER EXCHANGES THAT  
HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE AND THESE PERSONS INTEND TO  
GO BACK TO THEIR HOMES IN CROATIA.

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UNPROFOR ARRIVES IN SLAVONIA

15. ACCORDING TO THE MARCH 17 ZAGREB PRESS, THE  
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FIRST CONTINGENT OF UN TROUPS DESTINED FOR THE

OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF SLAVONIA HAVE BEGUN

ARRIVING. THE PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT 38

RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARRIVED MARCH 16 IN DALJ IN

EASTERN SLAVONIA. THEY HAVE BEGUN TO EXAMINE

POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE UN FORCES BASES.

CARRINGTON AND VANCE TO SLOVENIA?

16. THE ZAGREB DAILY "VECERNJI LIST" OF MARCH 17 QUOTES THE SLOVENIAN PRESIDENT MILAN KUCAN AS HAVING TOLD A SLOVENIAN ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE THAT THE EC MEDIATOR, LORD CARRINGTON, AND THE UN ENVOY CYRUS VANCE MAY VISIT SLOVENIA THIS WEEK. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORTS, KUCAN IMPLIED THAT VANCE AND CARRINGTON WOULD HOLD TALKS WITH SLOVENIAN OFFICIALS ON SUCCESSOR STATE ISSUES. KUCAN HAS COME OUT AGAINST THE "RUSSIAN MODEL", WHICH ALLOWED FOR THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC TO BECOME UNCLASSIFIED

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THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEGAL SUCCESSOR OF THE USSR. ACCORDING TO KUCAN, ALL SIX YUGOSLAV REPUBLICS HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS TO SUCCESSION. (CONSULAR STAFF MEMBER WILL VISIT LJUBLJANA ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM IF VANCE AND CARRINGTON WILL VISIT LJUBLJANA).

RECOGNITION UPDATE

17. IN ADDITION TO THE 47 STATES WHICH HAVE ALREADY RECOGNIZED CROATIA, PERU (ON MARCH 15) AND JAPAN (ON MARCH 17) HAVE BECOME THE LATEST TO ALSO RECOGNIZE THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.  
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